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LAGOON: How the new pool will look

A NEW lagoon is going to be built in Southend as part of a £1.25 million investment into the seafront to improve tourism in the area.

The grant is part of a nationwide scheme called Coastal Community Funding which will see investment into seaside towns around the country.

The lagoon will be 250 feet by 250 feet and based at the Three Shells Beach. It will have rock edges and provide a body of water for people to swim in and use for water sports when the tide is out. Project partners Stockvale Group have also contributed £100,000 to the project.

Other projects the money will fund include improving facilities at Bell Wharf, in Old Leigh, in the hope more boats will visit the town.

The Southend Marine Activity Centre will also get new equipment and there will be an investment into putting a number of safe zone buoys off the coast for kitesurfing and other water sports. Grant money will also be used to set up a maritime festival celebrating Southend's heritage, location and industries.

Deputy leader of the council, Cllr John Lamb, said it was imperative the number of visitors out of peak season is increased.

He said: "This is something we've been working towards over recent years through the events calendar, whilst investing in infrastructure such as Prittlewell Priory and Garon Park Swimming and Diving Centre.

"The private sector has mirrored this with investment resulting in two four star hotels in the town.

"This is an opportunity for Southend to attract more staying visitors, especially out of season.

"It is a great achievement and we look forward to seeing increased visitor numbers in the coming year."

## £6M PLAN FOR OFFICE BLOCKS

Redevelopment for empty buildings

By Paul Giles

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VICTORIA Avenue's boarded up office blocks are to be redeveloped as part of £6m business plan announced by deputy prime minister Nick Clegg on Monday.

Mr Clegg explained how Southend Council will buy derelict sites, while creating a new business hub in the old Victoria Avenue library, which will offer advice to small businesses.

The plan is for small local businesses to eventually share office

space with larger national firms.

Council leader Nigel Holdcroft said his officers will now contact owners of unused blocks to see if they want to sell up. Some may be compulsorily purchased.

Mr Holdcroft said: "If you go back to the 70s and 80s, Victoria Avenue, was the driving machine of businesses in the town, but as time passed that has fallen away because business has changed.

"What we want to do now is look at Victoria Avenue and put in place what is needed for the current business.

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CITY DEAL: Council leader Nigel Holdcroft, deputy leader John Lamb, MP for Rochford and Southend East James Duddridge, cabinet office minister MP Greg Clark, MP for Southend West David Amess and Peter Jones local enterprise partnership chairman signing the deal

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# Mark coasts around for charity

AN ex-soldier and his two cats have spent almost a year making their way around the country's coastline to raise money for five different charities.

Mark Newman, set off on his journey last year on Sunday, April 7, from Scotland and has covered 6,600 miles so far.

Riding his three wheeled mobility scooter he has so far managed to raise £20,500 for charity.

The charities he is raising money for include Help for Heroes, Royal British Legion, SAFA, the Lifeboat Service and the benevolent fund for his old Army unit the Queen's Dragoon Guards.

The 48-year-old who served in Ireland, Cyprus and Germany over a seven year period explained it was through redundancy he had decided to take up the challenge.

Mr Newman, who comes from Swansea, explained he was using a mobility scooter as he injured his right leg when he was training in the army.

He said: "After the army I used to work in a college sorting out the website for them.

"Back in 2010 I was made redundant and someone said to me about going around the country on my mobility scooter.

"So I decided to get on with planning it and now it's happening, it's better than sitting at home doing



**COASTAL COLLECTIONS:** Mark Newton who is travelling the country to collect money for charity.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

nothing."

Accompanied by his two cats Smudge, 10, and Missy two, they all sleep in the trailer that he is towing.

Talking about his cats he said: "I had to bring them with me as I couldn't afford to put them in a cat-tary.

"Anyway, Smudge is just a big daddies boy and would have missed me too much.

"I love wildlife so I just bumble along and look at the animals."

However, he has to be careful to keep an eye on how much power he is using with the batteries of the

scooter.

Speaking about estimating how far the scooter could take him he said: "It depends on the terrain you are going along it ranges between 10 and 40 miles.

"I'm going to Basildon tomorrow and someone said there's a lot of downhill in the journey so I'm hoping to get a good distance in that journey.

"People are good, they let me charge up wherever I can, it's just a simple plug in and wait between three and five hours to charge."

In the past year he has only had one

break from travelling over the Christmas period and heading back home to Swansea to see his mother and two daughters.

Mr Newton said: "Everyone has been amazing and donated a lot of money at the weekend I was in Southend at the Victoria Shopping Centre.

"Missy was meeting and greeting everyone who came along she's very playful and people loved her.

If you would like to make a donation to Mr Newton's charities visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/around britain.

## Homeless project opens the doors to its new centre

THE Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP) opened its doors to The Bradbury Centre, in York Road.

Operating from the centre will let HARP provide essential services needed by the homeless all under the same roof.

Previously the day centre and emergency night shelter had been in two different locations.

The vision for the centre has been in the planning stages for years.

It now has 18 emergency bedrooms, kitchen to provide hot meals, advice and guidance from trained staff, access to health related services and training facilities.

The vision for the centre has been the goal of HARP's chief executive, Gill

Garwood, who took her position in 2004.

Mrs Garwood wants to see an end to rough sleeping in Southend by 2018.

In the past 12 months HARP have helped out 1,500 homeless people.

Mrs Garwood said HARP prides themselves on being caring and approachable for homeless people in the

town.

She said: "The new centre will provide a safety net for the young and vulnerable in our town who find themselves homeless without a future.

"The centre will provide a supportive and caring environment to enable them to learn the skills they need to support themselves."

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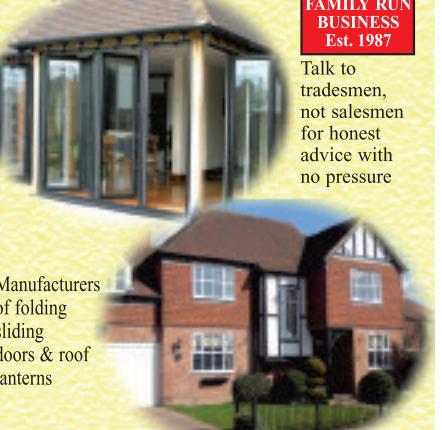
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### Beware of pickpockets

PEOPLE in Southend need to be on the alert for pickpockets after an 85-year-old man had his wallet, containing £500 stolen.

The victim was walking along Lifstan Way when he was approached by a man with a map who asked him for help with directions.

He was aware of the man getting very close to him whilst he asked for help but it was only after he had continued on his way he realised his wallet had been taken.

The suspect is described as white, around 24 years old and more than 5ft 6in tall.

Information to 101.

### Police appeal

POLICE want to speak to a taxi driver who took a man to hospital with a suspected fractured cheekbone.

Detectives believe the man was attacked in Bournemouth Park Road, at 3.30am, on Sunday, March 9. A 24-year-old man suffered facial injuries, including a suspected fractured cheekbone, and is currently receiving treatment at Southend Hospital.

Information to 101.

### Burglary attempt

AN ATTEMPTED burglary occurred at a house in St Andrews Road, in Shoeburyness.

Thieves broke into the house at 7pm on Monday, February 24, by smashing a window.

Detective Sergeant Paul Gutteridge said the suspects began a search of the home but they set off a burglar alarm and a neighbour came to investigate.

He said: "The description we have at this time is that there were two men involved.

"One of them is described as being around 5ft 7in tall and was wearing a hooded top.

He said people could call him at Southend CID on 101 or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Huge haul in smash and grab break-in

THIEVES smashed their way through patio doors to steal property worth thousands of pound from a house in Southend.

They broke into the rear of the property in Snakes Lane between 6.30pm and 6.50pm on February 28.

Once inside they ransacked the property before leaving by the same door.

Among the items taken were an Apple Mac Airbook, valued at £1,400, a Bose Soundlink Mini, worth £250, a Nikon digital SLR camera, worth £700, and an Apple iPhone 4s, valued at £150.

The burglars also got away with jewellery including gold and white gold necklaces, rings, earrings and bracelets, worth more than £3,300.

It is possible the homeowner got home just after the burglary as he heard up to three male voices in an alleyway to the rear of the house.

One of these suspects was seen riding off on a black mountain bike. He is described as aged 14 to 18 and was wearing a black hooded jacket

Call DC Andy Copley at Southend CID on 101 with information or ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

A SUPERMARKET worker hanged himself in Essex woodland after becoming addicted to online gambling.

Mark David Anthony Barnes, 36, of Norwich Avenue, Southend, was a single man who led a secret life as a gambler, Essex Coroners Court heard on Tuesday.

A neighbour in Norwich Avenue was the last person to see Mr Barnes alive on December 29, 2013, the court heard. His disappearance sparked a search by coastguards, while police worked with his family to discover more about his social life.

Waitrose checkout assistant Mr Barnes was found by a member of the public on January 4 – six days after he went missing – hanging from a tree in woods off Bullwood Approach, Hockley.

Sitting at County Hall, Chelmsford, coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray told Mr Barnes' parents: "It appears your son had got into gambling to an extent more than the family knew. Sure to say gambling was a secret life that Mark lead."

The family confirmed they had seen copies of letters Mr Barnes had left for his family before he hanged himself,

By Paul Giles

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explaining the extent of his problems.

The coroner also told his parents: "He took undoubted action knowing it could result in his death. I hope you can look back on the positive high moments you have of him."

The coroner recorded a conclusion of death by hanging.

The charity Gamble Aware said problems associated with so-called online gaming were on the increase.

A spokesman said: "The Responsible Gambling Trust understands that there is growing concern about gaming machines and that is why we are expanding our research programme to ensure that policy-makers have access to the best possible research to inform decisions.

"We believe this independent research has the potential to advance our knowledge and understanding of harmful gaming machine play and help to identify the most effective means of protecting those who choose to gamble."

For more information visit [www.gambleaware.co.uk](http://www.gambleaware.co.uk) or call the National Gambling Helpline on 0808 8020 133.



TRAGIC DEATH: Mark David Anthony Barnes

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## Fire evacuation

PEOPLE had to be evacuated from their homes in Westcliff when a church caught fire.

Three fire crews were called to the Seventh Day Adventist Church, in Northview Drive, at 4.14am last Monday.

The church was 25 per cent alight and smoke logged, Essex Fire Service reports.

Around 12 people were evacuated with five people needing medical treatment for mild smoke inhalation.

The blaze was out by 5.38am and an investigation into the cause will take place.

## Jobs by the book

STAFF at The Forum centre are running free library awareness sessions for jobseekers.

They want to publicise the range of library resources available when looking for ways back into work, volunteering, learning or reading.

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For more information visit [www.southend.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southend.gov.uk/libraries).

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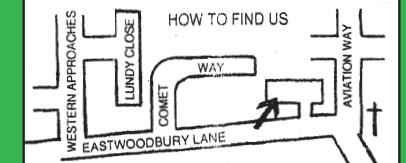
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WELL DONE: Headteacher Rebecca Perman (centre), staff members and pupils are pleased with the good Ofsted report for Eastwood Primary School. Picture by Mark Cleveland

## All good at Eastwood

**EASTWOOD** Primary School and Nursery has been upgraded to a 'good' rating in an Ofsted report.

The school in Leigh, had previously got a 'requires improvement' in a 2012 inspection.

Following an inspection this year on Wednesday, February 12, inspectors reported the quality of teaching is sometimes outstanding and pupils experience lessons in inspiring classrooms.

Headteacher, Rebecca Perman said the rating reflects work at the school.

She said: "Over a very short period of time staff have established themselves as a very effective team and our high expectations have been embraced by everyone at the school."

Councillor for children and learning, James Courtenay, said he knew how hard the teaching staff worked for the achievement.

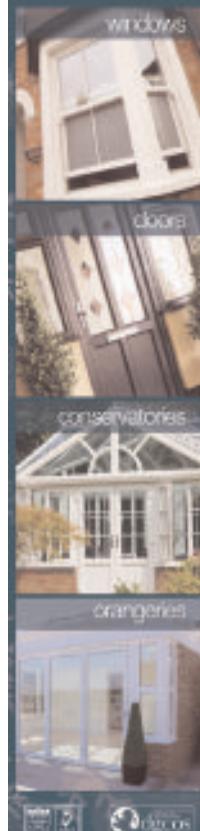
He said: "It shows sus-

tained improvement with the school going from strength to strength.

"Less than four years ago it was judged inadequate but with great determination the leadership team has significantly improved things to gain a good rating this time."

The 'good' rating for Eastwood Primary School and Nursery closely follows similar recent gradings for Westborough School, in Westcliff, and Hamstel Junior School, in Southend.

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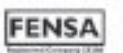


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A lovely Saturday morning club for the elderly and disabled in Leigh on sea, are asking if you could help them.

Based on the Leigh road, the club is well attended but needs volunteers to help with making the tea, handing out biscuits, setting the tables and clearing up.

If you are free from 9.30-11.30 on a Saturday morning and enjoy talking to older people then this would be a rewarding volunteer role for you.

The club also urgently needs a minibus driver to help transport the club members. They can run the club without volunteers so please have a think if this might be something you could help with.

Just call the Volunteer Centre Southend on 01702 356060 to find out more.



EXPANSION: Trevor Day is happy the market is going to expand.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

## Market to expand

SOUTHEND'S High Street market has proved so popular it is expanding by eight more stalls this month.

The market held every Thursday was created by a cross party working group and currently has 15 stalls.

Deputy leader of the council, John Lamb who led the cross party group which set up the market in October last year, said he was pleased with the success of the market.

He said: "We believe it will continue to add to the attractions of the terrific shopping opportunities we already offer.

"A member of the National Market Trader Federation visited the market last month and was very impressed with her initial findings, in particular the quality and set up of the stalls.

"We are working very hard to make sure we maintain these high standards."

From Thursday, April 17, Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) will manage a stall for a different charity each week.

Mr Lamb said: "The market has room to expand further and we hope to bring in more traders later

in the spring and summer.

"All the applications for stalls are considered by a market trader panel, which includes council officers and a representative from Southend Business Improvement District.

"We are very grateful to Trevor Day, a local market specialist and trader who helped set up and run the market."

Trevor said he was happy the market was expanding.

He said: "The feedback we have had from people coming to the stalls has been brilliant, it really creates a buzz in the High Street."

What do you think? Write to Readers' Letters, Yellow Advertiser, Acorn House, Great Oaks, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1AH, or e-mail [letters@yellowad.co.uk](mailto:letters@yellowad.co.uk)

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### Man attacked

A MAN has been left with a deep cut and bruising to his face after he was attacked in an underpass at the Porters Grange roundabout.

The 19-year-old was attacked as he crossed the underpass which crosses over Queensway dual carriageway between 1am and 1.30am on Monday, March 3. Information to 101.

### 50 for Deanes

PUPIL numbers for the Deanes School are rising steadily with more than 50 signed up.

The school in Dawes Heath Road, Thundersley, was knocked off the list of choices after Essex County Council decided to close it. But now it has been reprieved and is ready to take students in September.

It is holding an open evening on Tuesday (March 18) at 7pm for parents to see the school.

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It has been estimated the new business hub will help more than 1,000 small businesses in the town and create hundreds more jobs.

Work has already started in creating the hub in the library.

Deputy prime minister, Nick Clegg, said the £6m investment meant Southend business community had 'the freedom, power and tools to be innovative'.

He said: "The town can design whole new ways of building a stronger local economy and fairer society.

"This City Deal puts power in the hands of local people who know best what skills are needed in the area to give it a real chance of changing the fortunes of thousands of people across Essex."

The businesses hub is expected to open later this year, when businesses will be able to apply for help.

Spending will include:

• The £1.35 million redevelopment of the central library to support innovative new start-ups and existing businesses.

• £1.81 million to provide business support and advice with likes the Chamber of Commerce and the University of Essex to help local businesses with research and development. This will take the form of training, advice and online resources as well as grants.



BREAK IN: Tracy Marshall, Sue Hotson, Dee Cook and Sue Shahvis  
Picture by Mark Cleveland

## Break in at charity shop

**SOUTHEND** British Heart Foundation (BHF) is appealing for more stock after it was broken into.

The theft on Tuesday, March 4, had caused £2,000 worth of damage to the shop and loss in stock.

The Southend BHF shop, in the High Street, is asking people to support the shop by searching through their homes for any unwanted clothing, handbags, shoes, books, DVDs, CDs and household goods.

Precautions against future

break-ins are being taken by no longer leaving any cash on the premises and installing security equipment.

BHF area manager, Louise Harbour, said the break in had really shaken some older volunteers.

She said: "Some of them are now worried about being in the shop alone.

"The shop was completely trashed and about £500-worth of stock was taken, so we really need support from the local Southend

community to keep us running.

"Without their donations, we risk reducing funding for vital research into heart disease and the support we can offer heart patients in Southend.

"If each household spent just half an hour having a clear out and donating to their local BHF shop, they would be helping to save lives, it really is as simple as that.

"Please join the fight for every heartbeat and donate your unwanted items to your local BHF shop."

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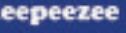
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EARTH HOUR: Emma Crampton

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# Lights out!

SOUTHEND Council will be turning off all its lights in the Civic Centre to celebrate the World Wildlife Earth Hour.

The lights will be switched off between 8.30pm and 9.30pm, on Saturday, March 29.

Last year more than 150

countries took part in Earth Hour and in the UK around 10 million people were involved in the symbolic lights out display, which also saw landmarks like the London Eye, Houses of Parliament and Piccadilly Circus plunged into darkness.

Sally Holland, director of corporate services at Southend council said: "Earth Hour is just one way of reminding us about our environment and thinking about the small, everyday things we can do to help protect it."

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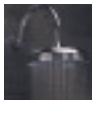
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PLANS to build thousands of homes on stable yards across Castle Point could be illegal.

Horse owners are bidding to mount a legal challenge against the Draft Castle Point Local Plan, which they say could see hundreds of horses either moved from the borough or destroyed if left homeless.

The British Horse Society appealed to local people to raise concerns with planners as part of the consultation which ends on March 20.

A spokesman for the society said: "The loss of places for horse riders [in Castle Point] is a concern to the British Horse Society as riding is an activity which crosses all divides in society, and it is important that facilities are available for people to undertake this activity."

"Anyone concerned about a designation in a local plan needs to make representation to their council and local councillors."

The challenge by horse owners – many of whom rent more than 100 private stables in yards at livery farms known locally as Cook's, Henry Smith's, Solby Wood, all in Dawes Heath Road, Jotman's, off High Road, Benfleet and two sites on Canvey – has surprised planners who claim they had no knowledge that grazing land and stables were threatened.

Legal advice in the

**THREATENED: Stable yards could be closed as part of the Castle Point Local Plan**

Government's National Planning Policy Framework insists that sporting and recreational facilities – even when in private ownership – cannot be removed to make way for houses.

Section 73 and 74 of the document states: Existing open space, sports and recreational building and land should not be built on unless:

- An assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, building or land to be surplus to requirement.

- The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location.

The legal challenge was revealed after hundreds of people attended a public meeting, hosted by the Hands off Our

Greenbelt Group, at Dawes Heath Social Hall, Dawes Heath Road, on Friday.

Group chairman David Head said: "I know horse owners believe this is a sound planning reason for objecting to the development of our greenbelt and I support that."

"I would encourage as many people as possible to make their feelings known to the planning authority."

Castle Point Council said it had no knowledge of stable yards being lost and the subsequent need for horses to be relocated or destroyed.

The spokesman stressed that the consultation process was designed to identify any such problems and insisted all legitimate issues raised in the National Planning Policy Framework would be addressed.

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## Fit for a queen!

**FORMER GLORY:** Mike Davies and Ann Jolly from Friends of Holy Trinity Church admire the restored painting  
Picture by MARK CLEVELAND

AN HISTORIC painting has been restored to its former glory – and is back in pride of place in a Rayleigh church.

The Royal Coat of Arms, honouring Queen Anne and dating back to the early 1700s, has been hanging under the tower in Holy Trinity Church for almost 300 years.

It has the letters AR at the top for Anne Regina.

Mike Davies chairs heritage group Rayleigh Through The Looking Glass, which was behind the restoration.

He said: "In years gone by, whenever a new monarch came to the throne and adopted new

Royal Arms, communities would commission paintings of them – usually by local artists to hang in the parish church – to show their loyalty to the new king or queen.

"Our picture had been sadly neglected and was so covered with grime it was almost impossible to make out what was on it. Now, however, it is in pristine condition and ready to be admired. It is a valuable addition to Rayleigh's heritage."

The painting measures 5ft 10in by 5ft 3in and is high up on the wall. Mike added: "It has to be way up there."

"It is way up because that is the only wall with a large enough space to take it."

# We're back in business

SAVED Deanes School is now able to accept new pupils in the next school year after it was put back on the list of available choices.

The Thundersley school is ready to take up to 120 Year 7 pupils from September. This comes after the schools adjudicator overturned an Essex County Council decision to close Deanes down.

Parents were already phoning the Dawes Heath Road school on Monday to see if their children could start in the new school year.

Deputy head Desi McKeown said: "Office staff tell me they have been taking calls all day from parents."

Essex Council had knocked the school off the list of secondary education options for the coming academic year last December, after it decided to shut Deanes in 2016.

But now that the plan has been reversed by the adjudicator, Deanes is open to pupils again.

Mr McKeown said: "We've had numerous requests for places after parents had been notified by Essex County Council which schools their children had been allocated.

"We have not been a choice, so now parents want to know if their children can still join Deanes – and the answer is 'yes'."

"Parents can change the school they have been given and opt to come to Deanes if they wish. They simply contact their local education authority – Essex or Southend – and say they are not happy with the choice they have been given and want to change to The Deanes."

He explained how Deanes was removed from the list of options: "We were on the original list which went out to parents, then the county council withdrew our name."

"They wrote to all parents removing this school from the choices and took it off the internet, too."

Parents can contact the councils at [admissions@essex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@essex.gov.uk) and at [admissions@southend.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@southend.gov.uk)

The Deanes School open evening is on Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm.

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# Anti-truancy team success

By Paul Giles

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AN ANTI-TRUANCY scheme is saving parents from being fined with only three £60 penalties issued so far this year.

Southend Council's child and family early intervention team has seen school attendance figures rise in the borough, say officers. And the number of schools with 'persistent absence' in the past two years has gone down, the council reports.

With only three fines for school absence so far in 2014, the team is hopeful for a big improvement on

'This is an excellent attendance initiative. It demonstrates the huge value of close partnership working and is making a real difference to children and families'

Only three £60 fines issued for non-attendance so far in 2014

2013, when 51 were issued in total.

The scheme has school attendance officers working with family support staff – liaising closely with schools and families.

Team members use 'an integrated approach with targeted interventions to improve school attendance', the council says.

The service also works with families to provide support including 'help to build the capacity of parents and carers and negotiate agreed support plans for the child, family and school', it was explained.

The council says that early intervention support is helping children and young people 'maximise their

school time and cuts down the need to escalate problems to higher levels or impose penalties'.

Now penalty notices are only being issued 'in exceptional circumstances where no other support is effective', officers explained.

Councillor for children and learning James Courtenay said it is vital children and young people are 'given every opportunity and encouragement to make the most of each day at school'. He said of the scheme: "This is an excellent attendance initiative. It demonstrates the huge value of close partnership working and is making a real difference to children and families.

"It means the problems associated with unauthorised absences from school are addressed jointly at a much earlier stage and with a wider range of help, so challenging behaviour or attitudes can be tackled before they develop into much deeper issues."

Darren Woollard, headteacher of Blenheim Primary School in Leigh, said he had improved attendance using the scheme.

He said: "We have a dedicated attendance officer who regularly meets with families and works with the council's child and family early intervention team.

"We also promote good attendance using weekly rewards for individuals and whole classes.

"This has enabled us to not only reward good attendance, but created a culture of discussing attendance and why it is so important."

## Pregnancy among teens decreasing

TEENAGE pregnancy rates in Southend have been dropping, according to Office for National Statistics figures.

Pregnancies have decreased by 12.64 per cent among 15 to 17 year olds – from 34.8 per thousand pregnancies in 2011, to 30.4 per thousand in 2012.

In 1998 it was 56.4 per thousand.

Councillor for children and learning James Courtenay said: "This is really good news for young people in Southend and builds upon the work undertaken in the last 15 years. Pregnancy among Southend's young women has fallen by 46 percent since 1998.

"We know that pregnancy and having a baby at such a young age can present particular challenges and poorer health outcomes for both mother and baby.

"So it is vital this downward trend continues. Some young parents will, of course, need additional support, so the family nurse partnership and BUMPs programmes are in place to provide targeted help for those most at risk and to raise their aspirations.

"Young people in Southend also have easy access to contraceptive and sexual health services providing them with up to date information and advice.

"The council believes that action taken now to prevent and reduce teenage pregnancies locally, will improve and enhance the life chances of our young parents and young people."

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WORK TO BE DONE: History group chairman Mike Davies' son, Paul, at Captain Stroud's memorial and, below, Captain Kynoch's memorial

MEMORIALS to two First World War flying heroes are to be restored by heritage buffs.

After the two pilots were killed after colliding and coming down in a Rayleigh field in 1918, the landowner erected two monuments. Now there are plans to bring them back to their former glory.

A group of volunteers, led by Rayleigh Through the Looking Glass (RTLG), will take on the project. It will probably not be finished on time for this year's 100th commemoration of the start of the Great War, but will be ready for a re-dedication service a century on from their deaths in 1918.

Mike Davies, who chairs RTLG, said: "Attempts have been made to restore these monuments over the years, but there really are in need of attention now, and we are looking forward to working on them."

On the night of March 7 1918 – the first German moonless night air raid on London – the two pilots, Captain Alexander Kynoch and Captain Henry Stroud, were sent to intercept the raider.

One took off from Stow Maries and the other from Rochford. They were probably navigating by the Southend to

## Hero pilots' memorials to be restored



London rail line as there was no radar or radio then. The only aid they would have had in their single seater planes were maps and torches.

Unknown to each other they arrived by the railway line over Fanton Hall Farm, now Dollymans Farm, at the same time and height, collided and

crashed to the ground. The landowner, Mr W W Wilson, immediately erected two memorials with propeller blades, and entered a clause into his property deeds that these two parcels of land could never be sold. And that is still the case today.

"Our group is setting up a team, which includes John Laurence Captain Kynoch's nephew as well as 1476 ATC Squadron, Sweeny Park School's history hunters club, Stow Maries Aerodrome and Essex Military Support Association for the project. We will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund First World War Grants scheme for part funding.

If you have information or were involved in previous restorations Mike would love to hear from you via website [www.rayleighhistory.co.uk](http://www.rayleighhistory.co.uk)



TRIBUTE TO HEROES : Captain Henry Stroud, left, and Captain Alexander Kynoch

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## Opinion and readers' letters

### Do residents really have a choice?

I see the go ahead for a lagoon has been given. No prizes for guessing who will be doing it!

They have already been allowed to build that monstrosity of a cafe and takeaway on the Adventure Island site taking business away from the already struggling cafes under the pier and along the seafront.

Do the residents of Southend ever have a choice on what goes on?

**Gail Grindell**  
Southend

### Council tax could be more equitable

The purpose of my letter of February 14 was to suggest it would be more equitable to rate properties for council tax purposes according to their market value.

It is illogical that a property worth about £400,000 be rated at £2,532 (band G) whilst another worth £2,000,000 will be rated at £3,038 (band H). Ron Hurrell's letter (YA Feb 28) whilst commenting upon national taxation, referred to the cash generation of proper-

ties causing me to think it better to rate properties upon their potential rental value rather than my earlier suggestion of market value.

There are in Essex many opulent properties benefitting from superb locations with excellent public services, a far cry from some of the less salubrious dwellings costing too much by way of rates.

Furthermore I suspect it may put a brake upon greedy landlords.

**Les Harrington,**  
Benfleet

### Book is well worth a read

Quite by accident I discovered a new and excellent book was published about our historic Ekco factory and its pioneering work, Ekco Sounds.

The noted radio maker (and much more) is illuminated in this new book, a copy of which I have donated to the reference stock at Kent Elms Library.

It is totally up to date and includes the amazing tunnels beneath the factory and the now likelihood of the Havens Hospice to be sited on a small parcel of the land. I am only sad that one of the co-authors, Chris Poole, has deceased. Chris got me hooked on the history of Ekco and arranged for me and the leader of the council to inspect the tunnel network, this book stands as a

great acknowledgment to Chris as well as all who were part of that Ekco history.

**Mark Flewitt**  
Leigh-on-Sea

### MPs must halt badger cull rollout

On Thursday March 13 Members of Parliament will debate a motion urging the Government to halt plans to license the culling of badgers. A leaked document to the BBC by the Government's Independent Expert Panel (IEP) has now concluded that the government's badger culls failed on all counts. The report showed that in addition to dramatically failing to reach kill targets, the pilot culls also failed to reach their own humaneness criteria.

During the pilot culls last autumn, a third of the shooting incidents observed by Natural England's monitors saw badgers shot in breach of the cull guidelines. In some cases, a second shot was needed to finally kill those wounded. These animals will have suffered significantly.

It is very disturbing to consider that if the Government's badger cull policy is fully rolled out, up to 130,000 badgers could be shot over the coming years. Culling could begin in 10 new areas of England this year alone.

We have seen, time and time again, statements made by Defra minister Owen Paterson and many Tory MPs (including Romford's Andrew Rosindell) that badger culling in the Republic of Ireland reduced TB in cattle. This is completely untrue and is yet another deliberate attempt to deceive the public and the media. This well-worn lie has even been recognised now by the BBC and, in this respect, and in a ground-breaking decision, they have accepted it was wrong to state that badger culling in the Republic of Ireland had reduced incidences of TB in cattle as there is no conclusive evidence to show that culling badgers in Ireland has been categorically responsible for any decline of TB in Ireland. The likes of Owen Paterson continue to spin out these fabrications to suit his own political agenda and because he has been allowed to get away with it. We have seen him recently on Channel 4 News spouting the same old rhetoric, along with farming pro-hunt/pro-cull buddies such as Neil Parish.

However, under the BBC editorial ruling Mr Paterson and others would no longer be able to make such false allegations. Let's hope all TV Channels fol-

low the BBC's lead.

The Conservative Party seems hell-bent on continuing with these cruel and unworkable culls, which was backed up by the Lib Dems. Labour and The Green Party would abolish them and vaccinate and where, do I hear you shout, does UKIP stand? Well, don't be fooled by that grinning, affable face. Mr Farage and his party wholeheartedly support culling badgers and also support fox hunting, stating that it should be left to people's consciences. My own view is of course that those that gain pleasure from seeing defenceless animals torn apart do not have a conscience.

**Patricia Hall**  
Gidea Park

### Are Dart Tag days numbered?

While it is good news that the toll booths at the Dartford Crossing will be removed in October this year, the bad news is that the standard toll will increase by an inflation busting 25 per cent to £2.50.

Of course, the toll should have been scrapped in 2002

when the bridge and tunnels were paid off, but the toll simply changed its name to a congestion charge. The fact that paying the congestion charge was actually causing the congestion is something that has been ignored by successive governments. The sound of millions of pounds rolling into the Government's coffers taking precedence over the well being of motorists and the environment.

No doubt congestion will be relieved in the new scheme, but what of the Dart Tag and the discount currently received by users? Despite numerous enquiries no mention has been made of its future. With all payments going cashless it seems the Dart Tag days are numbered and any discount enjoyed by existing users will end as, apart from resident discount scheme, there will only be one price to pay.

As Dick Turpin would say 'Stand and Deliver'!

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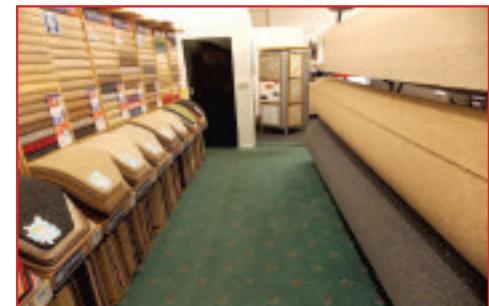
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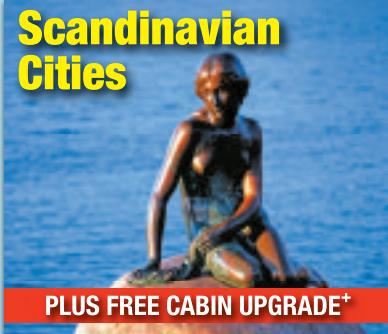
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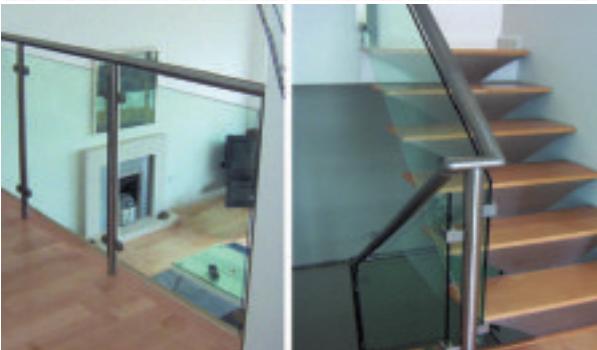
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Heidi Range as  
Pinky Tuscedero  
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## FONZ HITS THE STAGE

**H**APPY Days are quite literally here again thanks to a new musical touring the country. Back in January, on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first ever broadcast of a classic and much-loved American sitcom, 'Happy Days - A New Musical' opened at The Churchill in Bromley. It's cast, including Heidi Range from the Sugababes, Cheryl Baker of Bucks Fizz fame and former Emmerdale star, Ben Freeman, have been touring the country ever since and will be entertaining audiences at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, from March 17 to 22.

Happy Days, which was one of the most popular sitcoms from 1974 to 1984, followed everyone's favourite 50s family, the Cunninghams, as well as Arthur 'The Fonz' Fonziarelli – played by Henry Winkler.

While Henry may not be taking to the stage in the production he has been the musical's creative consultant, working alongside the director in creating the Happy Days world of 1959 America and guiding the cast in recreating their ever so familiar characters, especially The Fonz – played by Ben Freeman.

Ben, who is probably better known for playing Scott Windsor in Emmerdale for 10 years, as well as popular character, Chris Longworth in Grange Hill before that, is no stranger to the stage as he created the role of Norman in Dreamcoats and Petticoats, both on tour and in the West End, before playing Warner in Legally Blonde and more recently Fiyero in the hit musical, Wicked.

Happy Days - A New Musical is a hilarious feel-good musical that is guaranteed to have you rockin' and rollin' in your seats as Potsie, Ralph Malph, Joanie and Chachi battle to save their beloved diner, Arnold's, from demolition. In the race against time, can everyone's favourite hero 'The Fonz' save the day?

Joining Ben in his role as The Fonz is Heidi Range, who plays Pinky Tuscedero. Heidi. While she may be best known for being the longest serving current member of the multi-platinum selling British girl group, the Sugababes, Heidi has a number of theatre credits to her name including Mamma Mia in London's West End as part of BBC's Children in Need, Robin Hood at Liverpool Play House and Joseph and The Technicolour Dream Coat at Liverpool Empire Theatre.

Heidi, who also took part in the ITV series, Dancing on Ice, and appeared on Celebrity Masterchef, grew up as a Happy Days fan and couldn't wait to be part of the tour along with her travelling partner and Pinkette, Bettie her pug puppy.

Cheryl Baker, who became a regular on television after winning the Eurovision Song Contest in Dublin during the early days of Bucks Fizz in 1981, plays Mrs Cunningham in the musical, but it isn't her first appearance on stage either. Cheryl, whose theatre debut was in Footloose

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**Ben Freeman as The Fonz**

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INSPIRED by a series of video games in which players get behind the wheel of souped-up motors, *Need for Speed* accelerates smoothly into the slipstream of *The Fast And The Furious* and its high-octane pretenders.

Director Scott Waugh puts the pedal to the metal from the turbo-charged opening which establishes a rivalry between the cash-strapped protagonist (Aaron Paul) and his cocksure rival (Dominic Cooper) that drives the narrative to its predictably tragic resolution.

There are few surprises in George Gatins's simplistic and linear script that casually revs its engine before delivering a high-speed finale that determines once and for all, who is king of the winding highways.

Aaron Paul attempts to jumpstart his big screen career off the back of the TV series *Breaking Bad* and he is extremely likable in a woefully malnourished role.

His deep, growling voice cuts through the squealing brakes and crashes of passing motorists, who are in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Cooper is far less impressive as the slippery antagonist, whose greed, recklessness and overinflated ego bring about his downfall. He is insipid and not remotely menacing.

British rising star Imogen Poots continues her ascent with a spirited and eye-catching supporting performance as a ballsy car broker, who proves she's much more than a pretty face.

The story centres on car mechanic Tobey Marshall (Paul), who runs his father's garage but is struggling to make ends meet so he relies on prize money from illegal street races.

Aided by his team comprising Benny (Kid Cudi), Joe (Ramon Rodriguez), Finn (Rami Malek) and Little Pete (Harrison Gilbertson),

**Aaron Paul and Dominic Cooper**

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Tobey is king of the road until a race against Dino Brewster (Cooper) ends in an inferno.

Tobey is arrested and sentenced to time behind bars for a crime he did not commit while Dino walks away unburnished by suspicion.

Two years later, Tobey is released and he swears revenge against Dino by competing against his nemesis in a legendary race organised by the enigmatic Monarch (Michael Keaton).

However, Tobey doesn't have a car so he borrows a turbo-charged vehicle and agrees to take car dealer Julia Madden (Imogen Poots) in the passenger seat as insurance. Sparks of sexual attraction fly between Tobey and Julia, complicating his relationship with old flame Anita (Dakota Johnson).

*Need for Speed* is neither as deliriously fast nor furious as the films it hopes to emulate.

Director Waugh choreographs

**FILM FACTS**

Action/Thriller/Romance. Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper, Imogen Poots, Kid Cudi, Ramon Rodriguez, Rami Malek, Harrison Gilbertson, Dakota Johnson, Michael Keaton. Director: Scott Waugh.

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**Theatre****Happy Days musical comes to Southend****From page 21**

in 2006 before appearing in dramas such as *Dial M for Murder*, children's favourites including *HONK! HONK! Seussical The Musical* and *Beauty and the Beast* playing Mrs Potts, is thrilled to have been given the opportunity to play Mrs Cunningham, a role she remembers well as she was also an avid *Happy Days* fan.

The rest of the cast includes Lucy-Jane Adcock, Charlie Allen, Henry Davis, Ray Gardner, Emma Harold, Grace Holdstock, Katie Monks, Eddie Myles, James Paterson, Edwin Ray, Sam Robinson, Andrew Waldron, Scott Waugh and Jason Winter, while the production includes the much-loved *Happy Days* theme song from the television show as well as 21 original

songs by Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe award-winning Hall of Fame songwriter, Paul Williams - famous for his work on *Bugsy Malone*, *Evergreen*, *Rainy Days* and *Mondays*.

*Happy Days - A New Musical* is written by Garry Marshall, the legendary creator of the popular television series, who has also directed many world-wide hit films including *Pretty Woman*, *Beaches* and *The Princess Diaries 1 and 2*. Its UK tour follows its 1997 debut in California in a theatre in Burbank built by Garry and his daughter, Kathleen.

It is directed and choreographed by Olivier Award nominee Andrew Wright, whose most recent work includes a recent national tour of

*Wonderful Town*, *Chichester Festival Theatre's* and *Cameron Mackintosh's Barnum* at *Theatre in the Park*, and *Singin' in the Rain* for which he won Best Choreographer at the What's On Stage Awards 2013 and was nominated for Best Choreographer at the Olivier Awards 2012 and Broadway World Awards 2011.

The musical, brought to the stage by Amy Anzel - one of the stars of Channel 4's *The Sound of Musicals*, which followed her journey as a first time producer - for Sunday Monday Ltd in association with Todd Ruppert of RTR, will be at The Cliffs Pavilion from March 17 to 22.

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After counter walls were constructed at each end of Abbotts Hall, to ensure neighbouring land was not flooded, five breaches were installed and the first big tide in November 2002 flooded about 120 acres of the farm.

Other changes that have been

made over the years include the restoration and creation of hedgerows and ponds, and the planting of woodland and crops that support more wildlife.

Today, Abbotts Hall is an internationally important site that demonstrates what can be achieved and it provides important information for the planning of similar projects across the country.

While the site may be a working farm there are many footpaths for visitors to enjoy from the car park next to the trust's headquarters, housed in a Grade II listed building. While the building is inaccessible to visitors you can still take in its full glory from the visitor's car park at the front and by wandering around its gardens at the back, which are carefully tended by volunteers. While parts of the house you see today date back to 1780, the oldest part of the house is actually its foundation which date back to the Domesday Survey of 1086 when the then Abbess Hall of Wicgheberga was held by Barking Abbey until the dissolution

of the monasteries in 1539.

There are several other places during a walk at Abbotts Hall Farm where you can get an idea of the history of the site including the slightly raised area of the Great Wigborough Henge which is reputed to be the site of a wooden henge or round house, and the eight Red Hills that indicate Iron Age and Roman salt production.

Several footpaths run through the arable farm and down to the coastal strip but, as it is a working farm, which ones are accessible on any particular day depends on farming operations.

All of the routes have interpretation boards along the way, which give information on what you see around you and recent wildlife sightings, and once you reach the coastal strip you can see for yourself the trust's success in recreating marshes and encouraging coastal wildlife.

Along the strip you will also find several coastal bird watching hides and further interpretation about the recreation of the coastal marsh



which has attracted up to 18 different species of wader as well as little egret, goosander, little grebe and shelduck. But it isn't just birds that are attracted to the site as the new marshes have also attracted large numbers of young bass and herring and 14 other types of fish that feeding in its creeks.

As well as being a great place to

explore in your own time, Abbotts Hall Farm also offers a programme of events throughout the year. Up-and-coming events include pinhole photography for families on April 11, a family night patrol on April 25 and a family wild foods on May 17.

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Its stone baked pizzas, priced from just £6.25 to £8.95, are cooked before your eyes in their open plan kitchen, while its pasta dishes can be served as a starter or main meal.

Diners can enjoy an extensive range of starters from Scottish Smoked Salmon, Avocado and Crayfish Tails, and Turkish Stuffed Peppers, to Mediterranean King Prawns and Calamari Espana - lightly floured, deep fried calamari served with salad, garnish and homemade tartar sauce - from its A La Carte Menu, as well as vast choice of main courses.

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Its new Evening Menu is served

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For further information about The Lemon Tree, which boasts an extensive wine and champagne list, seating for up to 80 people and a beautiful dining area with lantern roof, call the restaurant on 01702 467793, visit its website at [www.lemontreesouthend.co.uk](http://www.lemontreesouthend.co.uk) or join them on Facebook.

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More than 1,500 restaurateurs witnessed its second triumph last year, during a ceremony at London's Battersea Evolution.

A record 40,000 public nominations were received for the awards, covering more than 2,700 restaurants.

The Maharaja was voted best in the South East and became one of the top 10 restaurants in the UK, in the final heats of the 'Oscars' of the UK curry restaurant industry.

Siraj Ali, owner of The Maharaja, said: "To be nominated again, as one of the top 10 best Indian restaurants in the country is certainly a dream come true."

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The Maharaja is an Indian restaurant full of heritage, which offers unique and exotic Royal Indian cuisine in a traditional setting fit for a Maharaja.

The Ali family prides itself on providing excellence in cuisine, service and ambience for each and every diner, with authenticity and customer service at the very core.

Specialities include lobster, king prawn,



salmon, trout and exotic freshwater fish from the Indian Ocean, including Tilapia, while exciting new dishes include ostrich, venison, duck, whole leg of lamb and whole chicken.

The Maharaja has a wealth of offers including 'eat as much as you like' buffet nights starting from just £9.95 per person and a la carte options, as well as early bird deals. There are also large party discounts and a resident DJ from Thursday through to Saturday, so you can start the weekend early. It is also a great place to celebrate special occasions, including Mother's Day, and anyone interested is urged to call for further information.

Its takeaway service allows you to dine like a

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The restaurant is open from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 11.30pm, from Monday to Wednesday; from noon to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Thursday to Saturday; and from noon to 11pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

For further information, or to book a table, call the restaurant on 01268 794541 / 01268 792141 or visit [www.maharajagroup.co.uk](http://www.maharajagroup.co.uk)



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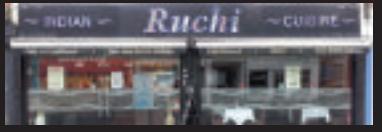
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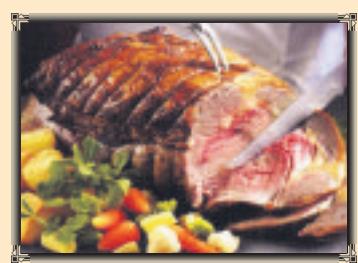
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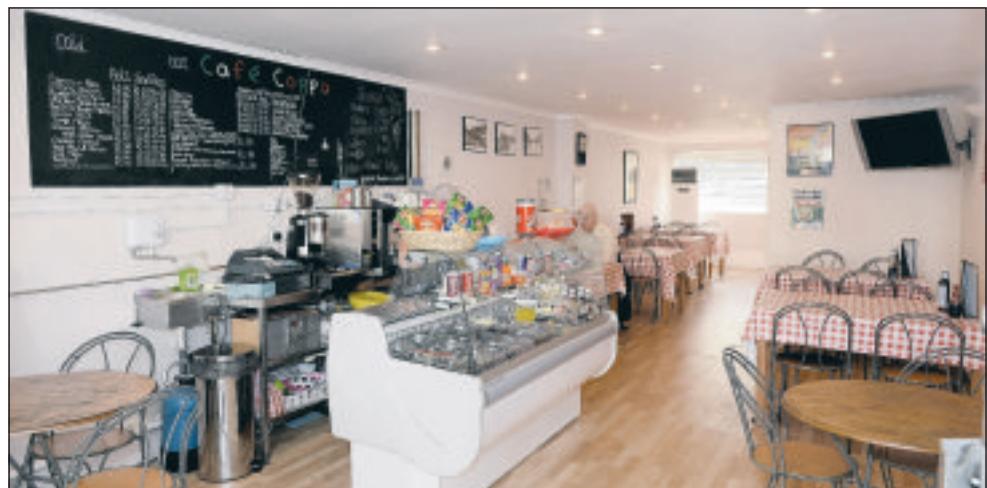
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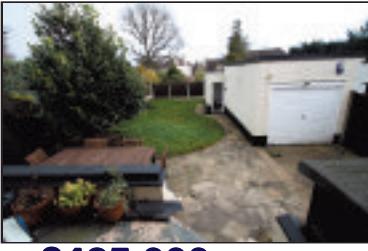
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**Benfleet** | **£925 pcm**



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**Southend on Sea £220,000**

Completely refurbished three double bedroom semi-detached house. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/breakfast room. Modern kitchen and bathroom suite. Ground floor cloakroom. Laminate throughout ground floor. New carpets to first floor. Side access to rear. West backing rear garden. Easy access to train stations and Southend High Street. No onward chain. **EPC: D**

**Hawkwell £229,950**

Two bedroom Victorian character cottage. Entrance hall. Lounge with feature fireplace. Separate dining room with fireplace. Modern fitted kitchen. First floor bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators. Lean to/conservatory. Large rear garden. Many character features. Off-road parking. **EPC: D**.

**Westcliff on Sea £124,950**

Sizable one bedroom ground floor flat situated south of the London Road. Close proximity to Hamlet Court Road. Easy access to mainline train station from Westcliff. Own front door. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Good decorative order throughout. No onward chain. **EPC: E**.

**Southend on Sea £105,000**

Purpose built two bedroom first floor flat. Lounge 14' x 9'. Kitchen 11' x 8'. Bathroom. Own section of rear garden. Some remedial works required. Popular residential location. No onward chain. **EPC: F**

**Southend on Sea £54,995**

Second floor studio apartment located close to Southend town centre and both mainline railway stations. Entrance hall. Lounge/bedroom with open plan fitted kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Lift. Outside terrace. In need of modernisation and refurbishment. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. **EPC: E**

**Westcliff - South of London Road £169,995**

Three bedroom end terraced house in a central residential location. Living room. Kitchen. Ground floor cloakroom. Modern fitted bathroom suite. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Rear garden approximately 50'. Easy access to both Westcliff mainline railway station and Hamlet Court Road shopping centre. No onward chain. **EPC: C**

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Two bedroom ground floor flat located in the Milton Conservation Area. Lounge 16' x 12'10. Kitchen 8'1 x 6'. Bathroom/w.c. Allocated parking space. Well kept communal gardens. Gas central heating. Secondary double glazing. Security entry phone system. Recently decorated and re-carpeted. Offered with vacant possession. **EPC: D**

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## LETTINGS

**QUEENS ROAD - £750 pcm**

Large ONE double bedroom first floor flat close to Southend Town Centre. Seafront and all amenities. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen. Central Heating: Double Glazed. Available early March. Part Furnished: No Pets: **EPC: D**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

**MARINE AVENUE - £500 pcm****ROCHFORD - £850 pcm**

Top floor ONE double bedroom flat in the Shortfield Conservation area close to the Town Centre, Cliff Gardens, mainline railway stations and all amenities. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Available end March: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: D**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

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Top floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Hamlet Court Road shops and Westcliff mainline railway station. Security Entrance. Lounge with balcony and Estuary views. Modern fitted Kitchen: Shower Cubicle: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Garden: Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: D**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

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**THE PAVILIONS - £750 pcm**

IMMACULATE TWO double bedroom first floor apartment close to Southend Town Centre and all local amenities with Estuary glimpse. Lounge: Bathroom with Shower: Fitted Kitchen: Double Glazed: Communal Gardens: Private Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: C**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

**RUNWELL TERRACE - £750 pcm**

Self contained TWO double bedroom lower ground flat. Close to Hamlet Court Road. Double Glazed. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Large Lounge with striped wood flooring and doors to Garden. French Style Kitchen: Central Heating: Permit Parking available. Available early August. No Pets: No Benefits: **SST 1HA: EPC: D**

**STATION ROAD - £650 pcm****CASTLE LANE, HADLEIGH - £695 pcm**

Large THREE bedroom first floor apartment close to Hadleigh High Street. Own entrance door. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Large Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Communal Garden: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: E**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

**DENTON AVENUE - £875 pcm**

THREE / FOUR bedroom semi-detached family house close to Southend High Street and all local amenities. Entrance Porch: Lounge overlooking Estuary: Diner: Kitchen: Double Glazed: Garden: Double Glazed: Garden: Available mid February: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: E**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

**LEIGH PARK ROAD - £850 pcm**

PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS: Newly decorated TWO double bedroom self contained apartment close to Leigh Station. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Double Glazed: Garden: Double Glazed: Garden: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC: D**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult

**SUTTON ROAD - £695 pcm**

Newly refurbished TWO double bedroom self contained apartment close to Sutton Road. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Double Glazed. Own entrance door. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Double Glazed: Bathrooms: Double Glazed: NEW CARPETS: Private section of rear garden with brick shed: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO Pets: **EPC: E**; Admin fee £110.00 per adult



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- \* Garage & Off Street Parking
- \* FitzWimarc School Catchment Area
- \* Energy Efficiently Band D Rating 60



## WESTCLIFF £1,250 pcm

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- \* Energy Efficiency Band E Rating 51



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- \* Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow
- \* Large Lounge Diner/Large Kitchen
- \* Three Piece Bathroom
- \* Energy Efficiency Band D Rating 59



## LEIGH ON SEA £795 pcm

- \* First Floor Two Bedroom Flat
- \* Walking Distance to Leigh Station
- \* Garage & Allocated Parking
- \* Energy Efficiency Band D Rating 68



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- \* New Kitchen, Re-furbished Throughout
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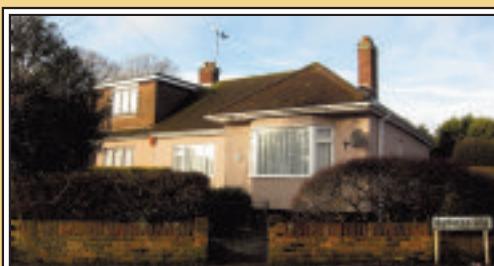
**WESTCLIFF ON SEA £895 pcm**

- \* Exceptional Two Bed Flat Close To Station
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- \* Beautiful Kitchen With Appliances
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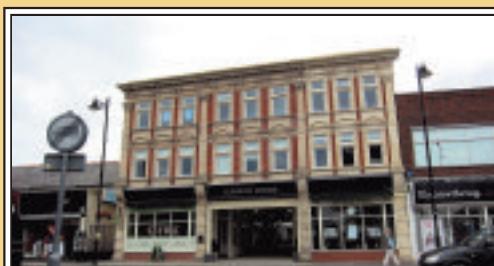
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- \* Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- \* Security Entrance System
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**BENFLEET £895 pcm**

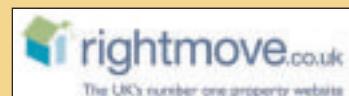
- \* Two Bed Semi-Detached Bungalow
- \* Large Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- \* Large Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- \* Energy Efficiency Band E Rating 49



**LEIGH ON SEA £1050 pcm**

- \* Two Bed Apartment On The Broadway
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**Hockley** £645

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Own Front Door
- First Floor
- Private Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Fantastic Location
- Employed Applicants
- Available Soon

## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

**Hullbridge**

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Detached House
- Outstanding Finish

- Ample Off-Street Parking
- Spacious Rear Garden
- Lovely Location

## New Instruction

**£1,150**

- Employed Applicants
- Available Now
- Keys Held for Viewings

## New Instruction

**Southend-On-Sea** £400

- ALL BILLS INCLUDED
- Double Bedroom
- Modern House share
- Communal Parking
- Close to C2C Line
- WI-FI Internet
- Employed Applicants
- Available 23rd March

## New Instruction

**Southend-On-Sea** £495

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Close to Station
- Modern Kitchen
- DG and GCH
- Wood Laminate Flooring
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

## AMAZING!

**Westcliff-On-Sea**

- Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Living Area

**£1,100**

- Luxury Bathroom
- Immaculately Presented
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## Available Now

**Leigh-On-Sea** £595

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Parking Available
- Peaceful Location
- Neutral Decor
- Close to Amenities
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

## Stop / Circle / View

**Leigh-On-Sea** £600

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Allocated Parking
- Close to Broadway
- Fantastic Condition
- Not to Be Missed
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

## New Instruction



**Hockley** £645

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Own Front Door
- First Floor
- Private Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Fantastic Location
- Employed Applicants
- Available Soon

## New Instruction



**Southend-On-Sea** £645

- 1 Double, 1 Single
- 1st Floor Flat
- SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE
- Neutral Decoration
- Spacious Inside
- Close to C2C Line
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

## New Instruction



**Southend-On-Sea** £775

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 3rd Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Recently Decorated
- BRAND NEW CARPETS
- Communal Lift
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

## Beautiful!



**Southend-On-Sea** £875

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- CHURCH CONVERSION
- Mid-Terraced House
- Private Garden
- Off-Street Parking
- Southchurch Village
- Employed Applicants
- Available 5th March

## Off-Street Parking



**Shoebury Ness** £975

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- Detached Garage



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**Southend-On-Sea** £79,995

- Ground Floor
- One Bed
- Close to Town Centre
- Gas Central Heating
- Currently Tenanted
- Open Plan Lounge/kitch
- No Onward chain
- Ideal Investment

## Heart of Westcliff



**Westcliff-On-Sea**

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- No Onward Chain
- Estuary Views
- Large Flat
- G/Central Heating
- Close to Chalkwell Station
- Heart of Westcliff
- Close to Broadway



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## Westcliff

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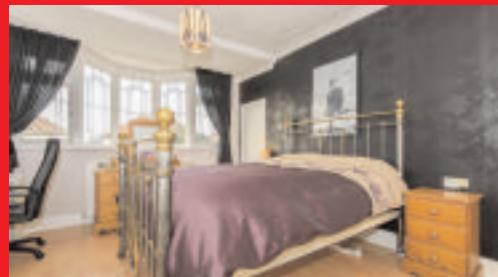
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## Southend On Sea £174,950

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Terraced house

Kitchen

South of the London Road

Bathroom/wc

Two double bedrooms

Double glazing

Spacious living accommodation

65' West backing garden

Two reception rooms

Off street parking

## Southend On Sea £182,500



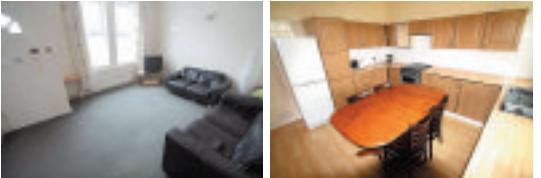
Spacious second floor purpose built apartment being well maintained with modern fixtures and fittings throughout. The property benefits from open plan living area including front and rear balconies. The property has two double bedrooms, main with en-suite shower room and wc as well as further bathroom/wc. The property is situated within the Clifftown Conservation Area borders within close proximity to cliff gardens, station and Town centre. No onward chain.

## Southend On Sea £250,000



We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this immaculately maintained detached bungalow benefitting from garage and parking and a good size double glazed conservatory overlooking a South backing rear garden. The property is situated close to Priory Park and Prittlewell Station.

## Westcliff On Sea £159,950



Three bedroom terraced house offering full double glazing and gas central heating. The property benefits from a South backing rear garden and is situated close to Southend hospital. The property offers early vacant possession. EPC rating D

## Leigh On Sea £775 pcm



Spacious purpose built 5th floor apartment offering fantastic seaviews over the Thames Estuary. There is a large lounge/diner with an enclosed double glazed balcony, two double bedrooms, kitchen with cooker, upright fridge/freezer and washing machine (left as good will gesture), bathroom/wc with electric shower over, gas central heating/full double glazing.

## Southend On Sea £575 pcm



Being situated within the Clifftown Conservation Area is this self contained first floor flat being double glazed and gas central via radiators. The property benefits from two bedrooms, one double and one single and has a bathroom with a separate wc and a kitchen/ breakfast room.

## Leigh On Sea £925 pcm



Being situated within a popular and quiet location of Eastwood/ Leigh on Sea is this attractive fully detached bungalow, spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen/ breakfast room with integrated four ring gas hob with extractor fan, integrated eye level oven and grill, two double bedrooms with fitted bedroom furniture, modern white bathroom suite with electric independent shower over bath, full double glazing and gas central heating. South backing rear garden, attached garage with rear storage, off street parking. No smokers, no pets, no housing benefit. No children. Available from Mid May and could be partly furnished.

## Leigh On Sea £625 pcm



First floor apartment situated within a sought after location of Leigh being South of Leigh Road and close to Chalkwell station. Spacious lounge, one double bedroom, further second small bedroom/ study, fitted kitchen with enclosed balcony and stairs to garden, utility room with plumbing for washing machine, bathroom/wc with shower bath, full gas central heating, own area of rear garden.

## Southend On Sea £59 pcm



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**Q. With the Budget just a couple of weeks away, what would you like to see the Chancellor do to help the property market?**

A. As always with any efforts aimed at boosting the property market, the problem is finding a way of doing so without fuelling a new housing bubble.

Already widespread concerns have been expressed about this. Although there are obviously regional variations, the market seems to be recovering reasonably well at the moment, so I for one wouldn't be in a hurry to see any big new stimulus introduced. The one real exception is the issue of Stamp Duty, which most people agree is long overdue for a major re-think.

Stamp Duty is, of course, one of the most significant costs associated with buying and selling property. Unlike agency fees, however, which are generally paid by the seller, Stamp Duty is paid by the buyer. Precisely why the person who has just forked out hundreds of thousands of pounds to purchase something – as opposed to the seller, who has presumably just made a tidy profit on the transaction -- should also be obliged to pay thousands more to the Government, is just one of the more bizarre aspects of a tax that is deeply unfair in its workings.

Stamp Duty is levied at different rates, based on the value of the property concerned. There are two major problems with this. The first is that the thresholds haven't been reviewed since the mid 1990s, and are now grotesquely out of line with today's property values. The second is that you pay the higher rate on the full purchase price – not just on the excess.

The market distortion that this causes is a very real concern. It results in large clusters of properties priced just below the next highest threshold, and none just above. Inevitably, it also helps encourage considerably higher asking prices for properties that just tip the scales into a higher bracket. You daren't ask £255,000 for your house, because Stamp Duty triples for anything above £250,000 - so instead you ask £275,000!

Whether the Government is minded to listen to the industry and public on this is sadly, another matter. After all, Stamp Duty is its current form is a huge earner for the Exchequer.

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# Drivetime

by John Murdoch

**H**YUNDAI'S cheeky little i10 is a favourite with Brits and more than 120,000 have found homes here since it was first introduced back in 2008.

The now defunct scrappage scheme boosted its popularity and made it a sensible city car choice.

The all-new i10 – longer, wider and lower than before – arrived last month with fresh styling to increase its popularity even further.

Thankfully Hyundai has kept the i10's blend of reliability, practicality and economy while adding a dash of flair.

Like its predecessor it is only available as a five-door and comes with a choice of 1.0-litre, three-cylinder or 1.2-litre, four-cylinder petrol engines. This car came with the 65bhp 1.0-litre power plant which proved to be rev-happy and great fun.

Built in Turkey, the new i10 now comes in a choice of S, SE or Premium trim and even the base model offers decent equipment.

**P**rices start from £8,345 for the S and you get steel wheels, central locking, electric front windows, CD tuner with USB, daytime running lights, ISOfix and a tilt-adjustable steering wheel as standard.

You can add air-conditioning to the S for another £650. SE models start at £9,295 and you get bags more kit, while the range-topping Premium at £9,995 sets new standards for this class and boasts equipment normally only found on much larger cars.

Customers can also personalise their choice with other packages if they want even more. The new styling has certainly improved the i10's appeal by introducing some features from the rest of the brand's range. And it looks more grown-up and



## FAST FACTS

**Price:** £8,345

**Mechanical:** Three-cylinder, 65bhp, 998cc petrol engine driving front wheels via five-speed manual box

**Max speed:** 96mph

**0-62mph:** 14.9 seconds

**Combined mpg:** 60.1

**Insurance group:** 12

**CO2 emissions:** 108g/km

**BIK rating:** 13%

**Warranty:** Five years/unlimited miles

**PERSONALITY:**  
The new Hyundai i10 is bigger but keeps its free spirit

## Still cheeky

expensive than most other cars in the class.

Inside the improvements continue with a nicely designed dash, good materials and sound build-quality. The driving position is comfortable and the cabin feels surprisingly spacious and offers good visibility.

On the road, the i10 is a smart performer thanks to its willing little engine and slick gearbox. In town, it is a delight to drive and park and, on the motorway, it is so refined that you think you are in a much larger car.

The handling is agile and the steering direct and accurate with enough feel to please most drivers. Noise levels are surprisingly low and this car is a huge improvement over the model it replaces.

Hyundai claims an economy figure of just over 60mpg for this version with emissions of 108g/km. The sprint from zero to 62mph takes 14.9 seconds but feels quicker and the top speed is 96mph.

Boot space is a handy 252 litres and this

increases to 1,046 litres with the 60:40 split rear seats folded. There are also plenty of storage spaces inside the cabin.

The i10 features all the latest safety equipment and every model has stability controls and tyre pressure monitors.

It is fun and easy to drive and, for those who want even better economy, a special 'Blue Drive' model is available.

I enjoyed the i10 and, with its five-year warranty, it represents great value.



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# motoring news

**BELLISSIMO:** The 1951 Ferrari 212 F1 Monoposto which will be on show at Cholmondeley Pageant of Power 2014 in Cheshire



## An Italian feast

by Mike Torpey

FESTIVAL fever returns this summer with a spotlight on iconic Italian cars.

The popular Cholmondeley Pageant of Power takes place June 13 to 15.

Legendary brand Maserati celebrates its centenary this year and a host of its classic models will be joined at the festival by cars from the likes of Ferrari and Lamborghini.

Maserati's James Cowan said: "We have a line of classic Italian vehicles due to be announced at the pageant, and we're very much looking forward to celebrating our Italian heritage in the beautiful grounds of Cholmondeley Castle in June."

Among vehicles due to grace the grounds of the castle near Chester in Cheshire is a 1951 Ferrari 212 F1 Monoposto, which endured many years of hard racing in the

Americas during the 1950s. In 1972, the car was discovered in a Montevideo garage in Uruguay and has since been brought back to life to be enjoyed at historic events.

Other Italian cars confirmed are a rare 1964 Iso Rivolta GT which competes regularly, and the 1974 Osella Abarth which has competed in French endurance racing and European hill climbs.

Event director James Hall said: "This year at the pageant we're celebrating the speed, style and beauty of Italy with all the best Italian cars. 2014 is set to be even bigger and better with all the big names plus our usual exciting array of rally rides, superbikes, powerboats and all kinds of daredevil aerial sports and displays."

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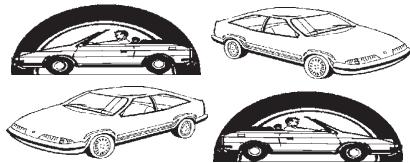
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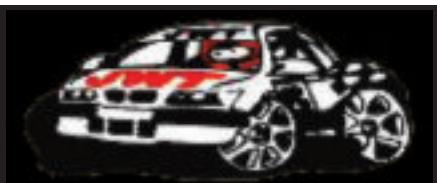
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Vauxhall have now launched 250 limited edition models of the ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition, enabling drivers in the region to join an exclusive club of owners of this very distinctive city car.

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Barry Ives, Retail Operator for Toomey, explains: 'The ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition models are a fantastic new addition and we are confident that they'll be a hit with motorists in the area.

"ADAM combines innovative technologies with countless personalisation possibilities, and the launch of these two new Limited Editions signal that this funky, fashion-led city car is not only the best connected small car in its segment, but also exceptional when it comes to defining new trends."

Available in 'I'll be Black' metallic paint or 'Saturday White Fever' brilliant paint exterior colours, the new limited edition models are priced from £14,995.

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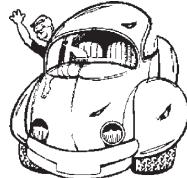
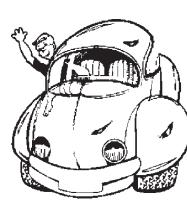
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**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009**  
**APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT PADDLING POOL  
ACCESS RAMP, WESTCLIFF, SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has applied to the Marine Management Organisation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, Part 4, for a marine licence to undertake the construction of a replacement paddling pool access ramp, Southend-on-Sea. Plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Westcliff Library, 649 London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea. Copies of the Application and associated information may be viewed on line in the Public Register at [www.marinemangement.org.uk/publicregister](http://www.marinemangement.org.uk/publicregister).

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## BLUES' DISASTROUS RUN STRETCHES ON

### Southend United

**Morecambe 2 Southend United 1**  
Sky Bet League Two  
By Rowland Lyons  
at the Globe Arena

SOUTHEND remain in a play-off spot, despite their winless run extending to ten games on Saturday.

Ryan Leonard's first-half opener was cancelled out by strikes from Kevin Ellison and sub, Jack Redshaw, to leave winger, Kevan Hurst, saying: 'I apologise to the fans for travelling up to see that – it's a disappointing result and performance'.

In a match of two contrasting halves, the Shrimpers' positive start paid off when Corr's defence-splitting pass found Coker, who put in Hurst, whose delightful cross found the head of the diving Leonard, who headed past Barry Roche from six yards.

The Blues then dominated, with Hurst himself twice going close – most notably on 24 minutes when on cutting in, was disappointed to see a left-foot curler go over Roche's goal frame.

Southend were then the architects of their own downfall – when – on 29 minutes, defensive indecision proved costly, when firstly a poor Mark Phillips' clearance put the back four under pressure – and within seconds – the Shrimpers were level when Dan Bentley misjudged a high ball under pressure and Ellison levelled from the tightest of angles.

The visitors should have restored their lead seven minutes later, but Anthony Straker lacked the finishing

touch after Morecambe had struggled to clear another dangerous Hurst cross.

It was all Southend right up until the interval and Leonard was unlucky not to bag his second success, but Roche pulled off a superb full-length save.

Morecambe were a completely changed side after the interval, with Ellison and Patrick Amond bringing out the best in Bentley early doors.

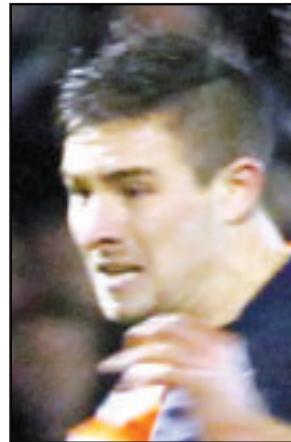
Southend appeared to have run out ideas and got no impact with the introduction of all three subs. Play maker, Leonard, was replaced by Marc Laird, with the industrious Will Atkinson making way for Lee Barnard – who barely got a touch in his 30-minute cameo role.

Morecambe got the goal – and ultimately – the 68th minute winner their graft deserved when Southend were caught out from a corner. A long clearance found Shaun Beeley – although tracked by sub, Conor Clifford – the midfielder failed to make a challenge and Redshaw, netted with the coolest of finishes.

The home side could and should have made the points safe with Ellison again going close, before Bentley flapped at a flag-kick, but Shrimpers' skipper, Mark Hughes, could only find the side-netting.

The Blues then pummeled the Morecambe back line in a desperate attempt to level, but Clifford blazed over and Corr could only direct his stoppage time header over the bar.

Brown added: 'First-half performance – I thought we deserved something – but second-half we



**SCORER: Ryan Leonard**

Photo by Dave Montier

were beaten by a little bit of 'nous'. Morecambe's experience came out in the second-half – attacking towards their fans – and turned us on a regular basis. Our back four was facing their own goal for the majority of the second-half. If that's what it takes to win a game of football, at this level, then we have to learn.

"Instead of playing pretty football, we have to learn. The pitch wasn't conducive to playing good football, wasn't the right way to play. I have had strong words. We didn't deserve anything from the game. We had chances at the end, but they had chances at the beginning of the second-half.

"Our goal was a good goal, then we

had two or three good opportunities. But, the goal we conceded was farcical. It's unacceptable. We might have had one or two young lads out there, but they have got to learn quickly."

Brown concluded: 'At one-one, the game could have gone any way. But, at the start of the second they played the conditions better than we did.'

Blue's top scorer Hurst – who has just signed a two-year contract extension – admitted: 'The second-half performance was no where near what it needs to be if we are to call ourselves a promotion-contending team. It's just not good enough.'

"The goals we conceded were just not acceptable. Obviously, we had to work for our goal, but they didn't have to do so for theirs. The first goal is a bad mistake and the second is from our set-piece. We should be secure at the back. It was just the basics of football, really."

Hurst concluded: 'If we don't buck our ideas up we won't be promotion contenders – to be brutally honest. We must ask each and every one of ourselves whether we are good enough.'

**MORECAMBE:** Barry Roche – Shaun Beeley, Chris McGreedy, Mark Hughes (captain), Robbie Threlfall – Andrew Fleming, Stewart Drummond, Alex Kenyon, Kevin Ellison (Andrew Wright 86) – Padraig Amond (Jack Redshaw 67), Jack Sampson (Marcus Marshall 86). Subs (not used): Andreas Arestidou (gk), Tony Diagne, Ryan Williams, Andy Parish.

**SOUTHEND UNITED:** Daniel Bentley – John White (captain), Mark Phillips, John Egan, Ben Coker – Kevan Hurst, Will Atkinson (Lee Barnard 61), Michael Timlin (Conor Clifford 51), Ryan Leonard (Marc Laird 71), Anthony Straker – Barry Corr. Subs (not used): Paul Smith (gk), Freddy Eastwood, Jack Payne, Bedesente Gornis.



bore on fruit, then Concord goalkeeper Jamie Butler saved after Frankie Kent headed Macaulay Bonne's cross goalwards. Soon after, Butler had to be alert again, this time to rebuff fizzing efforts from Simmons and Jordan Sanderson.

The home crowd were animated

when Kent clashed with Tony Stokes

but referee Adam Crysell waved

away their penalty appeals. Neverthe-

theless, the balance of play had tilted,

now it was Colchester who were

asking the questions. Drey Wright

cut in from the left and sent an

attempt past a post while Gilbey was

unable to direct his header after

Michael O'Donoghue had centred.

Despite the lack of clear-cut

chances, this was tuning into an

entertaining encounter, and at half

time there was little to choose

between the team.

If anybody was expecting Colch-

ester's professional's to show the

greater fitness and threat, they were

mistaken as Concord produced a

dominant second half display, and it

wasn't long before they broke the

deadlock. Substitute Gary Ogilvie

sent a thundering 25-yarder beyond

U's keeper Mark Cousins and into

the corner of the net. It was a honey

of a strike, Ogilvie has an eye for

goal but he could rarely have struck

a ball as sweetly as that.

U's were clearly rocked while Con-

cord pressed for the kill. Billy Roast

did well to clear after Danny Glazier

and Steve Cawley had conglomerat-

ed well, then the impressive Stokes

spun on a sixpence but could only

look on as his shot flew wide.

Colchester made inroads. Connor

Hubble appeared to be felled by

Steve King, but once again Mr Cry-

sell wasn't interested in the spot-kick

claims. But it was Concord who

was in the ascendency. King headed

Sam Collins flag kick wide while

Cousins made a great save low to his

left to deny Ogilvie a second.

In the final stages Colchester

pressed but failed to fashion a clear

opening, indeed it was Concord who

had the evening's final chance when

Collins fired wide of an upright.

There was little doubt the Concord

deserved their victory, although

credit should go to both team for

offering an entertaining encounter to

the small but enthusiastic crowd.

**Concord Rangers:** Butler, Gordon,

Glozier, Lampe, King, Goodacre, Harris,

White, Cawley, Collins, Stokes Subs: Easterford,

Cowley, Ogilvie, Amole, Alzapedi

**Colchester United:** Cousins, Sanderson,

O'Donoghue, Olufemi, Kent, Roast, Hubble,

Gilbey, Simmons, Wright, Bonne. Subs: Szmodics, Lapslie, Nwachukwu, Spence,

Phillips.

### Football

## Concord and Clares rule

**Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves**  
It was a busy weekend for the region's non-league outfits with Concord Rangers and Chelmsford City pointing the way with impressive Skrill Conference South victories.

Chelmsford produced a sparkling performance to beat leaders Bromley at Melbourne Stadium. Michael Cheek, Kieron St Aime and Christian Smith on target in front of another huge crowd of 738.

Meanwhile, the Beach Boys followed up their midweek Essex Senior Cup success with another dramatic win at The Aspect Arena, this time highflying Eastleigh were their victims. Concord lead thanks to Sam Colling goal just before the break, but Eastleigh hit back through Wright and Strevens.

With time running out, Tony Stokes drew the home side level before Steve Cawley fired a last minute winner. This win moves Concord up to eleventh in the Skrill South table.

In the Ryman Premier Division AFC Hornchurch brushed aside Thamesmead Town 2-0 thanks to goals from Stefan Payne and George Purcell, while Mike Jones and Harrison Chatting found the net as Canvey Island continued their recent revival, winning by the same score at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

A single goal from Joao Carlos was enough to see Grays Athletic home at Lewes, but it wasn't such good news for East Thurrock United who went down 1-0 at home to Wingate & Finchley.

Plenty of goals in the Ryman North, but mixed results for our local teams. Thurrock enjoyed a 3-0 win over Barking at Ship Lane and Romford claimed a 2-0 triumph at Burnham Ramblers. Heybridge Swifts picked up maximum points following a tight 2-1 win at Wroxham while Redbridge and Witham Town shared the spoils 1-1.

Elsewhere, Aveley went down 3-1 at home to Dereham Town and Tilbury lost out 3-2 on their own patch to Waltham Abbey. And there were defeats for Maldon & Tiptree, 4-2 at Soham Town Rangers, and Brentwood Town, 1-0 at home to VCD Athletic.

In the Essex Senior League focus was on second place Tower Hamlets match with Clapton. Although the match at Mile End Stadium ended scoreless, the impressive crowd numbering 195, the home clubs record attendance, raised in the region of £400 for homeless charities.

Leaders Great Wakering Rovers were held 1-1 by Eton Manor, Billy Radley netting for the villagers, while London Bari continued to improve, holding Southend Manor to a goalless draw at the Old Spotted Dog.

Goals from Callum Leahy and Brian Suchley earned Bowers & Pitsea a 2-0 win at London APSA while a second half header from Terry Martin was enough to see Basildon United home in a keenly fought contest with Hullbridge Sports.

Enfield 1893 kept up the pressure of Great Wakering and Tower Hamlets by winning 3-0 at Takeley, and there were away wins for Sawbridgeworth Town, 2-1 at FC Romania, and Sporting Bengal United, by the same score at Barking. Haringey Borough pipped Ilford by the odd goal in five, while Stansted recorded an impressive 3-1 w in against Greenhouse London.

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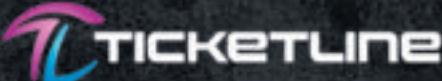
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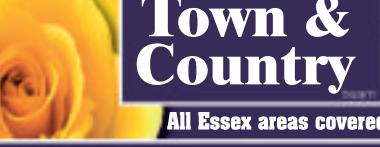
  
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